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Mr. John Sullivan 33 Chartley Brook Attleboro, MA 02703

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am writing in response to your e-mail message to EPA Administrator Carol Browner dated August 16, 2000, regarding redevelopment adjacent to the Texas Instruments property in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Your message was forwarded to EPA's New England office for a response.

The EPA Superfund site assessment program has investigated the Texas Instruments property on several occasions, most recently in 1998, when a final Site Inspection Prioritization report was completed by an EPA contractor. On the basis of the information presented in that report, EPA determined that this site is not eligible for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL or the "Superfund List"), and the site was referred back to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for possible follow-up action. The facts that low level radioactive wastes have been buried on the property, that some of the wastes were removed in the 1970s, and that the residual wastes were remediated in the early 1990s under the direction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, were considered in making this determination.

You may wish to direct your concerns regarding possible health threats posed by the redevelopment of land adjacent to Texas Instruments to either the state Department of Public Health or it's federal counterpart, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Both agencies have offices in Boston. The ATSDR Senior Regional Representative is Dr. William Sweet, who may be reached at (617) 918-1490.

Thank you for bring this matter to our attention. If you need further assistance, please contact Ms. Nancy Smith of my staff at (617) 918-1436. Ms. Smith may also be reached via e-mail at: Smith NancyA@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Meaney, Director

Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

cc: Dr. William Sweet, ATSDR